GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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ASIAN COUNTRIES RAIL LINK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposed rail link connecting India to West Asia and South East Asian country;

(b) the present status of the above project and the amount earmarked for the project;and

(c) the time when it will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific has prepared plan for Trans-Asian Rail Link (TAR). Southern Corridor of the link proposes to connect South- East Asia to West Asia through India.

(b) &(c): India has ratified TAR. However, operationalisation of the project depends upon ratification by all concerned countries and hence no timelines can be given at present.